

CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for selling lease or rental cars over a computer network to users ~~while the rental cars are still available for rent,~~ the method comprising the steps of:

preparing a list of cars for sale with their descriptions, said cars being presently leased or rented or available for lease or rent,

storing said list in a listing of rental cars for sale on a database, said database being coupled to a server computer, said the server computer being coupled to a the computer network, ~~wherein the rental cars are simultaneously available for rent as part of a rental car inventory while listed for sale on the database,~~

providing client computers controlled by users with access across said computer network to said database to search said list of cars for sale with their descriptions,

making the listing of rental cars accessible to a client computer coupled to the computer network over the computer network; and

receiving a buy request at said the server computer from a the client computer, and deciding whether to accept said buy request from said client computer.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said server computer controls an auction, said the buy request is results from a winning bid in said an auction, and said server computer authorizes purchase.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The method claim 1, wherein said client computer is the step of receiving a buy request comprises receiving a buy request from a buyer at a kiosk.

5-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A system for selling a lease or rental car to a first party even while said rental car is leased or rented to a second party comprising:
a server computer, with a database, and being connectable to client computers through
coupled to a computer network, the server computer programmed to:
wherein store a listing of lease or rental cars available for sale by an asset reseller is
stored in said database,
said server computer receives while the rental cars are simultaneously part of a rental
car fleet owned by a party other than the asset reseller and available for rent as

~~part of the rental car fleet, the listing of rental cars stored in a database coupled to the server;~~ receive a search request from a client computer;
~~coupled to the computer network;~~ provide at least part of the listing of lease or rental cars is delivered to said client computer ~~to the client computer in response to the search request;~~ and
said server computer receives ~~receive~~ a request to buy a lease or rental car from said the listing of rental cars provided to the client computer.

10. (Previously Presented) The system ~~server computer~~ of claim 9, wherein the server computer is further programmed to control a bidding system and receive bids for one of the lease or rental cars from the list of lease or rental cars ~~from one or more client computers coupled to the computer network~~ and to complete a sales transaction with a winning ~~winner~~ bidder.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) The system ~~server computer~~ of claim 9, wherein said client computer is ~~the search request is received from a kiosk coupled to the computer network.~~

13-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein following the step of providing access, said server computer receives ~~further comprising the steps of:~~ receiving a search request from a buyer; and responds with returning a subset of the listing of automobiles satisfying the search request.
20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said the step of making the listing available over the computer network is ~~further comprises making the listing of automobiles available over the Internet.~~
- 21-29. (Cancelled)
30. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said database in total is downloaded to said client computers over said computer network.